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about what he is doing, and that's why he tried to somewhat clean up his conscience by talking about his support of the homestead exemption bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minuta.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've supported those bills, too. One deed that may be called good is not sufficient to make the books balance. We're on this earth day after day, and that obligation to do good to those who need it does not go away simply because we supported a homestead exemption bill. In fact, when you commit an affirmative act of harm against the elderly and the impoverished, you erase whatever good may have attached to the other deed.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, members. I yield the balance of my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you have four minutes and 56 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A Legislature is a representative assembly. A Legislature should set a moral tone for the public. Either people can get in the Legislature and select the lowest element in society's attitude and follow it, saying that my job is to rubber stamp, even if it means the worst. Senators are free to adopt that attitude and sink to that level. Others may adopt the attitude that they are not here to reflect ignorance, that they are not here to heap up additional problems on those already burdened down. They may genuinely see their job as being a serious effort to make society better. They may go even farther than that and see a need to be an example by the way they live and the way they conduct their business of what it is they say society should be about. They may feel that there is something somewhat out of joint when children, whether very young in elementary school, or at the high school level, or young adults at the university level, where you'll also sometimes find older adults, they may find something out of joint to go among and before those groups, speaking all of the